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SUBJ: LEBANESE IN CHILE EXPRESS CONCERN

1. LEADERS OF LOCAL LEBANESE COMMUNITY, HEADED BY HONORARY CONSUL GENERAL ZALAQUETT, CALL ON AMBASSADOR LANDAU THURSDAY THIRTEENTH TO EXPRESS THEIR GRAVE CONCERN OVER RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE HOMELAND. THEY LEFT COPIES OF TELEGRAMS TO PRESIDENT CARTER, SECRETARY-GENERAL WALDHEIM AND POPE PAUL VI. MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER FOLLOWS.

2. BEGIN TEXT. THE LEBANESE COMMUNITY OF CHILE, IN ANGUISH OVER THE IMPLACABLE MASSACRE NOW BEING PERPETRATED UPON THE LEBANESE PEOPLE, CALLS UPON THE MAJESTY OF THEIR AMERICAN BRETHREN, WHOM YOUR EXCELLENCY REPRESENTS WITH SUCH DIGNITY, TO IMPORE, AS THEY HAVE DONE ON OTHER OCCASIONS, THEIR POWER OF PROTECTIVE JUSTICE ON BEHALF OF A PEACEFUL AND HARDWORKING PEOPLE. THE PEOPLE, WHICH HOLDS THE SACRET RIGHT TO LIFE AND EXISTENCE, HAS NEVER SALLIED FORTH FROM ITS OWN FRONTIERS IN ORDER TO COMMIT AGGRESSION AGAINST ANYONE. TODAY, ITS FRAIL AND PRE-CARIOUS DEFENSE HAS MOVED ALL COMPASSIONATE HUMANITY WITHIN THE WESTERN WORLD TO WHICH LEBANON BELONGS.

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3. WE HOPE, WITH CONSIDERABLE FAITH AND EXPECTATION, THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY NO LONGER WILL TOLERATE THAT IN THE SMALL STATE OF LEBANON, THERE SHOULD OCCUR MASSACRES AND ASSASSINATIONS, VIOLATIONS OF THE MOST ELEMENTARY OF THOSE HUMAN RIGHTS THAT HOUR EXCELLENCY DEFENDS IN OTHER AREAS. WE TRUST THAT YOUR EXCELLENCY WILL RESPOND TO THE SUPPLICATIONS OF THE LEBANESE PEOPLE, ALONG WITH THOSE OF ALL OTHER FREE PEOPLES WHO HAVE

PUT THEIR FAITH IN THE GREAT AMERICAN PEOPLE. END TEXT.

4. MAIN POINT RAISED BY THE DELEGATION WAS WHY THE SYRIAN ARMY WAS NOT BEING COMPELLED BY INTERNATIONAL, AND ESPECIALLY USG PRESSURE, TO EVACUATE SOUTHERN LEBANON. AMBASSADOR LANDAU REPLIED ALONG THE LINES OF SECRETARY VANCE'S EXPLANATION IN HIS PRESS NEWS CONFERENCE OF JULY 10, ESPECIALLY THE SECRETARY'S EXPRESSION OF FULL AND WHOLEHEARTED SUPPORT FOR THE TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY, NATIONAL UNITY AND INDEPENDENCE OF LEBANON.
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